

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Medal of Honor is awarded by the President in the name of Congress to members of the Armed Forces who have distinguished themselves by bravery and courage above and beyond the call of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, of the millions of men and women who have served in the Armed Forces in war, military operations, or other armed conflicts, fewer than 3,500 have been awarded the Medal of Honor; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2011 SFC Leroy A. Petry received the Medal of Honor by The President of the United States in the name of Congress for actions during a 2008 combat operation in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2013 SSG Ty M. Carter received the Medal of Honor by The President of the United States in the name of Congress for actions at the 2009 Battle of Kamdesh in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2013 Captain William D. Swenson received the Medal of Honor by The President of the United States in the name of Congress for actions during the 2009 Battle of Ganjgal in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2013 John D. (Bud) Hawk, an Army sergeant who received the Medal of Honor for his heroism during a battle of the Normandy campaign that led to the Allied liberation of France in World War II, died at his home in Bremerton, Washington at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS**, of the 76 living recipients of the Medal of Honor, seven reside in Washington State to include Wilburn Ross - World War II; Joe Jackson, Bruce Crandall and Thomas Kinsman – Vietnam; and our newest three - Afghanistan;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2014 as

### *Medal of Honor Day*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014

Governor Jay Inslee

